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The bed rooms have recently been remodeled and with their fresh paint and new furniture are very attractive.

There are no dull evenings at the Hostess House. The lobby has a home-like atmosphere, its beauty being enhanced by the new draperies, rugs and lamps. Every evening crowds gather about the large fire-place, while around the tables are little groups playing games.

Every Saturday night there is a dance or some festivity. To go to the Hostess House any evening is to have a good time.

The Non-Commissioned Officers' Club is well equipped with modern comforts and has its own canteen and pool room. Its spacious ball room was recently refinished, and is now the best on the Island. Every two weeks a dance is given to which the officers and their families are invited. Parris Island is the only place where it is possible for a non-commissioned officer to live comfortably with his family. All married non-commissioned officers have their own quarters on the Island.

One great problem that confronts all service people is the education of their

children. Will they be able to meet the entrance requirements of the civilian high schools? The schools of Parris Island are on a standard system, from the first grade to the junior high school. A child going to the Parris Island School is receiving the same instruction as he would were he attending public school.

Not far from the school is a well-equipped library, where for one's instruction edification and amusement books and magazines can be drawn on any subject. This institution in itself will gratify the heart of the mother who is in search of books for her little ones. It has a well-equipped juvenile department in addition to its other departments.

The hospital is also a well-equipped institution. It takes care of the enlisted personnel and their families, also the families of the officer personnel and civilian employees. It, too, has a morale department which supplies the hospital force with recreation and amusement. We all enjoyed a barbecue recently given by them, which was followed by a dance.

On the hospital reservation is a Red Cross building which is used largely by the convalescing patients of the hospital. The medical officers' quarters are beautifully located, and are, indeed, the envy of the Island because of their beautiful surroundings.

The commissary at Parris Island is one of the best in the Marine Corps. Fresh vegetables are brought in from Savannah about three times a week, and there is always an abundant supply of fresh meats.

The religious life is not neglected. There is a Post Chapel where Protestant and Catholic services are held on Sunday. Services are also held at the several wings; in all, there are eight services on Sunday besides addresses given during the week. All services are well attended.

If one cares for golfing Parris Island

has one of the best courses in this part of the country. This is proven by the use that is made of it.

A visitor said, "This is rather soft, all you have to do is to get a good breakfast is to take a line and hook and go down to the dry dock and fish up a fine perch." You should see the fishermen and, yes, "fisher ladies" along the dry dock, morning, noon and night. The islands which are nearby afford very good hunting for partridge, pheasant and such game.

There is always a variety of entertainment. You may make your selection from the following: boxing, moving pictures, good music, football, and as the corner green grocer says, "Fruits in Season," we may transpose it and say, "Athletics in Season."

Parris Island has a very good selection of motion pictures. Such productions as Capt. Blood, The Sea Hawk, Monsieur Beaucaire and Abraham Lincoln are on the weekly program. The orchestra assists at the movies and reminds one of a large motion picture house in a city.

Parris Island is growing rapidly, and the motto is, "Watch us grow." When the causeway is finished leading to Parris Island there will be no post equal to it.

### GIVING PARRIS ISLAND ATHLETICS THE ONCE OVER

The writer has just returned from a visit to Parris Island, and if he is any judge of possibilities, Quantico will have a tough time if she intends to cop all the Marine athletic laurels this coming season. If those boosters down at the Island are not swayed too much by excessive optimism they are in for banner seasons in all departments of sport for the year 1925. Lieut. Baylis has just assumed the duties of Post Athletic Officer, and since his arrival, things have been on the hum. He states that he intends to do all in his power to help

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## THE SINGING MARINE

**Harry Holbrook, ex-First Sergeant of Marines, a headliner on Keith's bill, now sings the Marine Hymn to thousands of theater-goers—Once shouted "Fall In," "Squads Right," and "As You Were" on Parris Island Drill Field**

Some fifty thousand Marines and ex-Marines, who were "processed" at the Marine Corps Training Camp, Parris Island, S. C., and indoctrinated with the spirit, of which our Corps is famous, in the days of 1917 and 1918, will be glad to learn that the voice of the husky drill sergeant, Harry Holbrook, still carries on. His tone of command, the inspiration of which led half the above number overseas to combat the Hun, still creates quite a sensation among theatrical circles throughout the United States.

True to the well known slogan of the Corps, "Once a Marine, Always a Marine," proves no exception in the case of Holbrook, who has won fame behind the footlights since his separation from the service.

As the headliner of Keith's bill it is a glorious moment when the orchestra strikes up the march of "Semper Fidelis" and the heavy asbestos curtain slowly rises to reveal a first sergeant of Marines, conspicuously attired in the attractive blue uniform of the Marines. The orchestra changes its tune to that of the Marine Corps Hymn, now in perfect harmony with the baritone voice of Holbrook's distinct words: "From the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli," is just another outstanding feature of his number that makes all Marines feel proud of their buddy and prouder of their Hymn!

From Parris Island to Broadway and the footlights is another feat accomplished by a former member of our Corps, of which we are proud to boast. When Holbrook made his appearance at Keith's, Atlanta, Ga., through the courtesy of the management the entire recruiting personnel attended the performance as guests of Holbrook, occupying four lower boxes, followed by a dinner at the Hotel Ansley, given in honor of the singing Marine and his pequena esposa, Senora Holbrook, who has also achieved success as an actress in a number of popular Broadway productions, but is at present engaged in the greatest role of her career, that of leading lady to her popular husband. Sitting in the huge dining room of the Ansley Hotel, its magnificent interior decorations offering a truly remarkable contrast to that of the barracks mess hall at Quantico, where Holbrook had last been with as many Marines—until this night, his mind wandered back to the days of 1917, when diplomatic relations were severed with Germany. Holbrook had just had his first chance playing a leading part with a small stock company. He was just 17 at the time. His heart craved romance, action and adventure and he decided upon the Marine Corps!

It is needless to say he found all three, during his service with the Marines, as well as fame. He has one of the most fascinating careers of any man who ever entered the ranks. Falling easily into the ways of "Marine life," he was soon promoted to non-commissioned rank

and selected as instructor in the training camp. This offered plenty of action, but was as romantic as it was venturesome, which might be said to be nil. However, Holbrook later went to France and upon his return appeared with the famous Marine Glee Club at Baltimore and Richmond, and made his debut as a soloist in Washington before several

thousand people. Later he was transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve, and became soloist at one of the largest churches in New York City—and today he is an outstanding figure in the theatrical world. His present tour with Keith's Circuit will take him through the Southern States, Mid-Western, a short tour through Canada and to the West Coast, before its expiration. He bids fair to become a popular musical comedy star, several managers being eager to secure his services for leading parts in new productions of military themes.

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## U. S. S. GALVESTON RETURNS HOME AFTER EVENTFUL CRUISE

After completing short range battle practice in the Bay of Panama, the U. S. S. *Galveston* proceeded northward on the Pacific side of Central America. November 4 she arrived at Corinto, Nicaragua. The town of Corinto is built on the island of Asserradores and has a spacious sheltered harbor, beautifully located at the foot of the volcano Cor-dilleros. Extensive liberty was granted in Corinto due to the peaceful condition of the country. This is indeed unusual, since nearly every other port of call had been in a belligerent country. Since Corinto is the seaport of Managua, and only sixty miles distant by rail, a large party shoved off to Managua and visited their buddies of former days at the American Legation. The stay of the ship in Nicaragua was brought to a close after three days and she then got under way for Guatemala. While in Corinto the number of mascots on board was increased somewhat. We now have a complement of several parrots, a young chimpanzee, a jaguar cub, and several tropical animals that crawl, walk, swim, or fly; animals we are so far unable to determine under what category, were added to our already large collection of pets.

Upon arrival in San Jose, Guatemala, a Lieutenant General from the President's staff tendered an official welcome to Guatemala and invited the Marines to the Capital. This invitation received a hearty response and as many as could go boarded the special train which carried them from San Jose to Guatemala City, the Paris of Central America. At every station, squads of Native troops presented arms to us as the train passed through and at every stop a military band filled the air with sweet strains of American and Native anthems. The warm and enthusiastic welcome of the people and the very interesting trip through the Sierra Madre range of the Rockies will live in the memories of all who made the trip.

To reach Guatemala City which is five

thousand feet above sea level, involves traversing through three distinct changes of climate. Each of these climatic regions is equally different in flora and fauna which inhabits it. The low lying hot lands (*tierra caliente*) are the most magnificent (viewed from a railroad coach). They are tropical in every respect. Impenetrable cocoa, bamboo, rubber and mahogany forests abound. Fevers are prevalent and most of the hot lands are unsuitable for settlement by the white races. In the lowlands with the unhealthy climate and the numerous crocodiles and snakes, a white man would have no more chance of existing than the proverbial snowball in the same region. The train began to slowly ascend and at an altitude of 2,000 feet reached the *tierra templada*, the healthful temperate region. The wilds suddenly gave way to great cotton, tobacco, banana and coffee plantations which are the source of the country's agricultural wealth. At an elevation of 4,000 feet we reached *tierra fria* or the cold lands. Here is raised wheat, apples, and potatoes. The train was now climbing at a slow rate of speed between the two volcanic crests of Acatenango and Amatitlan in the Sierra Madre until we arrived in Guatemala City. The blue uniforms which we wore were almost unbearable in the lowlands, but in Guatemala City they were quite comfortable. The modern city of Guatemala with a population of more than a hundred thousand is not very old. The ancient city was destroyed by a volcanic eruption. The second Capital, now known as Guatemala Antigua was built about fifteen miles from the ruins of the first city. This city flourished greatly until 1773 when it was ruined by an earthquake.

The Guatemalans, however, determined to found a new Capital on a site about thirty miles from Antigua. This third attempt to build a Capital is still flourishing as the third city of Guatemala. The remarkable regularity of the streets is due to the construction of the city on a uniform plan. The wide area covered and the lowness of the houses is similarly due to an ordinance which forbade the erection of any building of over twenty feet in height. This provision was made on account of earthquakes. However, with special permission, an American steel corporation is erecting a three-story building made entirely of steel and resembling a modern battleship to a great extent. This building is held to be impregnable against earthquake shock. The unique dwellings of the natives are constructed solidly and although only one story in height are spacious and comfortable. Most of these buildings are built on the Spanish style, having an inner court surrounded by a patio. The windows are latticed, and together with the language and other features of the people one is vividly re-

minded of Old Spain. In fact four-fifths of the population of the city is either Spanish or of Spanish descent.

A most enjoyable time was spent in the city as welcome guests of the populace. The men were accommodated in the best hotels and spent much of their time in sightseeing around the city. The Guatemalan Military Academy, the West Point of Central America, was of great interest to most of the visitors. They watched the cadets drill with fixed bayonets and rifles much longer than those which they were accustomed to using. They were shown through the entire academy and with the aid of an interpreter everything worth knowing was explained to them. It is doubtful whether American Marines were ever accorded such a welcome or shown so much hospitality as they were in Guatemala.

Like all earthly things, the visit to Guatemala could not last forever and the ship was soon steaming off the coast of Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama where we crossed the Isthmus for the fourth time.

Finally the ship reached Santiago de Cuba after having experienced a severe storm in the Caribbean. The *Galveston* had been ordered to Santiago to represent the American Navy in the unveiling of the Roosevelt Monument on San Juan Hill.

Entering the landlocked harbor through Hobson's famous bottle neck we passed the two fortresses of Morro and Socaba which appear more picturesque than formidable. In the harbor we cast anchor in the spot where the Spanish Fleet had been bottled up by our fleet during the Spanish-American War. From this point Santiago resembles a large amphitheatre.

Where Theodore Roosevelt led his Rough Riders to victory over San Juan Hill a monument was unveiled to his memory in the presence of Mrs. Roosevelt, the President of Cuba, and many American and Cuban officials.

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### YES, WE HAVE SOME BANANAS

**First Battalion, Sixth Regiment, Now Encamped at Guantanomo for the Winter**

Down in "Old Virginia" when the perfectly new and as yet unused year of 1925, mantled in a beautiful coat of pure white snow about eight inches thick, blossomed forth on the Quantico Marines, what do you suppose it found the First Battalion, Sixth Regiment, doing? Breaking out the old heavy flannel underwear and the old woolen socks? Of course!—it did—NOT!

No, neither winter snows nor chilly winter winds were occupying much space in the thoughts of this battalion, for they were busy checking up on their khaki, and such other clothing that brings memories, pleasant memories, of soothing cool breezes and shady palms, or perhaps recalls some favorite old liberty rendezvous on some "Spic" tropical isle, where in days past they used to sit and chat, and perhaps indulge in some of those enticing beverages, that are forbidden fruit at home in the dear old U. S. A.

On Monday, January 5th, the First Battalion, Sixth Regiment, paraded through the slush and snow-filled streets of Quantico on down to the dock, where they immediately embarked aboard the U. S. S. *Henderson*. The embarkation of the battalion was carried out in a smoothness, barren of even the slightest delay or misconstruing of a single minor order. At 12:30 p. m., the battalion had assembled on Barnett Avenue, and at a few minutes after one every last man of them were aboard ship. No confusion, but just a perfectly executed troop embarkment.

The battalion, with an enlisted personnel of 1,327, is commanded by Maj. Arthur J. White, U. S. M. C., with Capt. J. J. Burks as Battalion Adjutant. It comprises four companies: Headquarters Company, 74th Company, 75th Company, and the 76th Company. The officers commanding these companies in the order named are: Lieut. T. C. Perrin, Capt. R. W. Williams, Capt. F. J. Blanton, and Capt. R. J. Bartholomew. Two other well-known officers attached to the battalion are First Lieut. George A. Plumbeck and Q. M. Clerk P. J. Greeley.

Although the troops embarked on Monday noon, the U. S. S. *Henderson* did not depart until 10 o'clock the following morning. At 8:25 p. m. on the same day she dropped anchor in Hampton Roads, getting underway again the following morning at 7:45 and tying to the dock at the Naval Operating Base at 10:00 a. m. A detail of 231 men from Parris Island came aboard here

bound for Haitian ports and the Virgin Islands. A few hours later the *Henderson* again slipped out into the Roads and was soon headed for Cape Haitien, Haiti, its first port of call.

Excellent weather was enjoyed during the entire trip down, while the sea remained as calm as a mill pond. Though we had left the ice and snow on Tuesday, Friday found all hands enjoying a change to khaki. Availing himself of the splendid weather we were enjoying, "Doc" Clifford (who needs no introduction to Marines, and who was aboard enroute to Haiti to pay the Marines there his respects) gave all hands an appreciated address in a manner which he alone is master of. This didn't happen to be "Doc's" only chat while aboard, for most any hour between Reveille and Taps, in almost any out-of-the-way compartment corner or passageway, from the fire room to the crow's nest, no one was surprised to find "Doc" surrounded by a little group of attentive admirers.

Every evening during the trip a good movie program was shown on deck, and on Saturday evening, January 10, in addition to the screen show, a few boxing bouts were staged, in which Sgt. Jim Hill, of football fame, and "Abey the Newsboy" (Fleet newspaper bumboat man) were featured in the main bout.

Sunday morning, January 11, at 12:25 p. m., the *Henderson* dropped anchor in Cape Haitien, Haiti. Here fifty-eight men disembarked, while a like manner came aboard for return to the States. Sunset found us once again headed out to sea.

Monday morning, January 12, at 7:15 a. m., the *Henderson* dropped the old mudhook off Fish Point, Guantanomo Bay, Cuba, and at 9:15 a. m., the first troops (Headquarters and Headquarters Company) disembarked. Shortly after lunch the relief of the Third Battalion which returned to the States was effected with the same smoothness and precision that characterized the First Battalion embarking at Quantico, and the Third Battalion, with their eyes gazing longingly toward Caimenera, bid Adios to Guantanomo, as they sailed away 'mid the strains of "Auld Lang Syne," played by the Marine Corps East Coast Expeditionary Force Band, stationed here for duty with this battalion.

The camp which the First Battalion now occupies is located on McCallah Hill, which lies just back of the old Fish Point Station. The entire camp had only been recently erected by the departing battalion, and had only been occupied less than a week before our arrival. The main camp consists of eleven portable barracks, which apparently saw considerable service in Santo Domingo, from which place they were transported here, after the recent evac-

uation of that country by Marines. In addition to the main group of buildings, there are other buildings of different sizes according to their needs, such as the general mess, battalion headquarters, sick bay, officer's mess, guard house, and then the bath houses, police sheds, etc. The battalion has its own library, barber shop and tailor shop, not to mention a "Spic" shoemaker who was thrown in for good measure with the buildings by the departing Third. All officers are quartered in tents, located on the bluff's edge, with the entire bay spread out beneath.

Since our arrival police work has been the order of the day for the entire battalion, but since it is for the benefit of all hands in making the buildings and their surroundings more ship shape, and their home for the coming six months more comfortable, everyone has "turned to" with a will, with the result, that in the last ten days such a transformation has been accomplished, could the departed Third but see the place now, they would doubt their own eyes. Sgt. Jake Stahl has erected his throne in the battalion police shed, where he has swung out a wicked sign which proclaims to the world that he is the "landscape artist and chief gardener in general" of the entire domain. (Doubt it at your peril and your choice rests between a pick and a shovel.)

Sgt. Swede Neilson, who officiates as Chef de Mess, puts out such an appetizing series of meals daily that the gang are starting to point out to the occasional visitors, with great pride, the Mess Hall as one of most interesting points in the camp area. And they are all sincere, for you should see the mad rush to get there, when Bumps goes. Sgt. Eisenberg, who is caterer for the Sergeant's Mess, has that official group singing his praises to the skies. Of course, Neilson and Eisenberg are no strangers to thousands of hungry Marines throughout the Corps.

Battalion athletics, although they haven't taken form to any great degree as yet, under the personal direction of First Lieut. E. C. Munn as Athletic Officer, they are expected to go over big. A champion baseball nine seems an assured fact, to soon be the boast of the battalion. Swimming and tennis at present are holding the lead in popularity. Basketball received quite a little attention, though, on the outdoor courts in the evening.

On Monday, January 26, the battalion began drilling on a well-constructed schedule, which, considering climate and the amount of work still to be accomplished here, before the camp begins to don a real Marine appearance, has met with general favorable comment from the old timers.

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# The Marine Corps League News

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## FORMER MARINE ONLY ONE OF HIS KIND IN BOMBAY

In a recent letter from Mr. A. W. S. Wise, General Manager, International Correspondence Schools (Colonial) Ltd., stationed in India, the Editor-in-Chief has learned of the existence of an ex-Marine in Bombay, India.

To some this may not seem unusual inasmuch as Marines are found almost everywhere, but this one has the distinction of being the only one in Bombay.

He is Mr. Charles Seton Thompson, and is representing the International Harvester Company in India.

Mr. Thompson enlisted in the Marine Corps on May 15, 1917, and was appointed a Gunnery Sergeant on October 16, 1917. He joined the 83d Company at Quantico, Va., on August 14, 1917. His service as an enlisted man took him to France, where he served ashore with the United States Army from November 19, 1917. He was wounded in action on June 10, 1918. On August 1, 1918, he was discharged to accept a commission in the Marine Corps Reserve.

Mr. Thompson was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Class 4, Marine Corps Reserve, on August 1, 1918, and assigned to duty with the 83d Company, Sixth Regiment.

He participated in engagements in Marbach Sector from August 7 to 16, 1918. On November 29, 1918, he was appointed a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps (Regular). He then participated in the St. Mihiel offensive September 12 to 16, 1918, and in the Meuse-Argonne he commanded a

platoon attached to the 83d Company from November 1 to 11, 1918.

Later, Mr. Thompson participated in the march of the Allied Army toward the Rhine and went into occupation of Coblenz. On April 8, 1918, he was detached from the Second Division. He was appointed a temporary First Lieutenant on March 5, 1919, and detached to the United States on April 25, 1919. He arrived in New York via the U. S. S. *George Washington* on May 5, 1919, and on May 31, 1919, he was discharged from the Marine Corps.

## OLD TIMER DIES

Sgt. John Ryan, Jr., U. S. Marine Corps, retired, died February 11, 1925, at the U. S. Naval Hospital, this city. His remains were laid to rest on the morning of February 14, 1925, in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery, preceded by services at St. Dominic's Church, Sixth and F Streets S. W. The remains reposed at the home of his mother, 618 M Street S. W.

Sgt. Ryan was born March 26, 1873, at Charleston, S. C. He had six enlistments in the U. S. Army, serving continuously from December 18, 1889 to April 23, 1909. He then enlisted in the Marine Corps on June 14, 1909 and was placed upon the retired list of enlisted men of the Marine Corps on January 31, 1914, with the rank of sergeant, at Marine Barracks, Navy Yard, Washington, D. C., having completed more than thirty years of active service in the Army and Marine Corps.

## SERGEANT MAJOR JIGGS ENTERED IN DOG SHOW

Sergeant Major Jiggs, pride of the U. S. Marine Corps, has been entered at the Annual Kennel Show at Madison Square Garden. Jiggs is perhaps the best dog to be entered in his particular class and many expect him to walk off with all the honors.

## U. S. MARINE BAND TO GIVE INAUGURAL CONCERT AT PUBLIC AUDITORIUM

An inaugural concert will be given in the New Washington Auditorium on the night of March 4th, it was decided by the Inaugural Committee. The United States Marine Band has been engaged for this concert. In addition there will be two nationally famous bands imported for the occasion. The Marine Band had been scheduled to play at the Charity Inaugural Ball in the Mayflower Hotel, but the transfer of the band to the concert was acceptable to the ball committee.

As it is not the idea of the committee to make money, the tickets for the concert will sell for \$1.00, reserved seats to \$1.25. Tickets will be on sale at Inaugural Headquarters in the New Willard Hotel.

## BUSY MARINES

The Marines, especially those at Quantico, receive training in industrial trades by actually erecting and repairing buildings of all types, including a large stone structure to be used as quarters for bachelor officers.

They are putting up that building at Quantico by enlisted labor largely as a matter of training. The timber is being cut, sawed and dressed and the stone quarried, cut and laid by the enlisted men. They are quarrying this stone right on the reservation. It is the same stone that was used in the central part of the Capitol Building, Washington.

This building, when completed, will stand as a monument to the skill, energy and enterprise of the men who had a part in building it. Incidentally, men such as these, who do not desire to re-enlist, have no difficulty in obtaining employment at high wages at the trade which they have learned. Two men left there not long ago, came up to Washington and got \$12 a day as stone masons. They had learned the trade while in the Marine Corps at Quantico.

## NURSERY RHYMES OF SECOND CHILDHOOD

### 2. Mary's Lamb

Mary had a little lamb;  
I had a bowl of soup.  
Then Mary ordered this and that,  
By item and by group.

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## LEGATION SENTINEL

The Legation Sentinel, published every now and then by the Marine Detachment, American Legation, Managua, Nicaragua, informs us that they are in the height of their football season. They have two teams, the Wildcats and the Bonecrushers. On the twenty-first of December, 1924, the Wildcats scoured the Bonecrushers with a 3-0 victory, but on the New Year the Bonecrushers rallied and won by a margin of 13 to 6.

The political situation in Nicaragua is the best it has ever been and President Solorzano in his inaugural address stated his policies in unmistakable terms and expressed his deep regard for the American Government. He is apparently determined to govern as wisely as may be and not to be influenced from any quarter for in the course of his speech he said, "I do not wish accomplices but collaborators." He also declared himself in favor of the Guardia Vigilantes, the National Constabulary, which is proposed so as to insure security on the withdrawal of the Marine Detachment. This Guardia is to be composed of thirty-five officers taken from the personnel of the Marine Corps and 1,000 men enlisted from the Nicaraguans best adapted to military service.

As this country but needs the services of an efficient and stable government to place it among the foremost nations of the world it is hoped that the present one under President Solorzano will supply the need and by wise measures start toward that goal.



## ARMY, NAVY, AND MARINE CORPS CLUB HOLDS FIRST MEETING OF PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

The first meeting of those who have expressed their intention to join the Army, Navy and Marine Corps Club was held in the Army and Navy Club, Washington, D. C., on the evening of February 5th.

Organization was perfected, officers were temporarily provided for and a Board of Governors was elected to serve until July 1, 1925. Marines on this Board are Col. Cutts and Maj. Sinclair.

At a recent conference in the office of the Major General Commandant the new Marine Corps Athletic Policy was discussed, and the manner in which the expenses of a Marine Corps Football and Baseball team should be met was brought up.

If such teams represent the entire Corps and not the post of Quantico it was not considered fair to have Quantico bear all the expense of organization, training, and upkeep. It was brought out that the fairest way to do this would be to have all the Marine Corps Post Exchanges assist in meeting expenses for the All-Marine Corps Teams. Later, when the teams begin to make expenses, there would be appropriate refunds made to the Post Exchanges. Nothing was finally agreed upon, but this plan met with the greatest favor.

Gen. Lane announced that the Adjutant and Inspectors Department is considering some modifications in the muster rolls that should result in less work on the part of company organizations.

The Major General Commandant has appointed Maj. J. C. Fegan, U. S. M. C., as Athletic Officer for the entire Marine Corps. Maj. Fegan intends, according to the present plans to operate a progressive scheme for development of younger officers and enlisted men of the Corps through a system of exercise known as mass athletics.

The athletic programs call for the appointment of Post Athletic Officers in every Marine Command. Special attention will be paid to football, baseball, and basketball. Officers and enlisted men who prove themselves good athletes worthy of promotion will be assigned places where their skill is measured with competition. Experienced athletes who because of their age and rules from further competition will be assigned as coaches in the interests of the Corps.

Plans called for the assembling of the best available baseball and football skill of officers and enlisted men known as the All-Marine Baseball Team and the All-Marine Football Team. The paramount

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## CAUSE AND EFFECT

What is the reason for a man enlisting in such branches of Uncle Sam's fighting forces as the Marine Corps and what is the effect on him? Is he a better or worse citizen when he is discharged? What is the cause? Is it the lure of the wanderlust, curiosity, is it a longing for travel and education, or is it the fulfillment of some boyhood desire? These questions can only be answered by the individual concerned so we will not even attempt to analyze this factor known as cause.

Now, as to the effect. Have you ever seen the effect that has been produced by the service on various men? Certainly you have. We all have seen men discharged from this organization and go out into the business world or into some other phase of civilian life and activity and secure positions that make them men whom everyone admires and respects. They go even further, they envy them. Haven't you seen such men and wished you were them? You can be some day because the cause of this is, in most cases, the Corps.

We have also seen men leave the Marine Corps with very little money, possessing no better education than when they entered and with nothing to look forward to. He is one who was not able to take hold of advantages and opportunities when they presented themselves. The man whom I described first was a typical Marine, he was wide awake, active, energetic and possessed those qualities that go to make up the personality of a successful business man. He had grasped opportunities that the Marine Corps offered him. He had studied, he had saved and when he was discharged, he had something that the public wanted and was willing to pay him for. But above all, he had something that is considered priceless and which no one could take from him—a good education. He deserved every bit of honor given him because he had worked hard for it. He had won his laurels.

A certain well known and highly respected financial magnate of this country once said that the man who didn't save his money would not be a success in life. He gave as his reason for the fact that saving money was the seed of success, and without the seed, the plant cannot grow and flourish. I believe that if this same man knew about the Marine Corps Institute, he would speak in very much the same way to Marines who have the chance to study and don't accept it.

How much money have you put on the books or saved by depositing in banks since you have been in the Corps? How many courses have you finished in the Marine Corps Institute? What is your present outlook for the future?

No matter what the cause was, in your case, for enlisting, what is going to be the effect? Are you going to be the first or the second man I described? If you intend to be the first, then enroll in the Institute immediately and begin working on your future.

TED EDWARDS.

## AROUND GALLEY FIRES

By "Doc" CLIFFORD,  
Honorary Chaplain, U. S. M. C.

I received a letter recently from a member of the Marine Corps League in which he writes: "To be Semper Fidelis was drilled into me, and the result can be only conscientious duty to the Corps I love." This is not mere sentiment, but the heart's throbs of thousands and thousands of men as they think of their service in the Marine Corps. The same spirit still animates the men of today in active service.

Sgt. Ole F. Jasperson, of Philadelphia, is an outstanding example of the stuff Marines are composed of. He is fast approaching his retirement, and owing to a desire to help him to something which would not overtax his strength, Lieut. B. W. Atkinson recently communicated to him the Colonel's intention to appoint him to look after the library and reading room of the station. Almost with tears in his eyes he begged, "Let somebody else do that, and give me line duty and drill."

The old timer does not look for the easy job, he is always for straight duty and scorns the thought of *pull or favor*.

Capt. Augustus H. Lewis, famed for bringing back to America one of the sweetest French brides of the war, is at Cape Haitien. He has charge of the Post Exchange and is splendidly efficient on the job. Lewis has one of the happiest families you could meet, two girls and two boys; he's the man to be envied.

Lieut. G. A. Plambeck, of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, was once the most laughed at First Sergeant of the Asiatic Fleet. He lost three miles of telegraph wire, which was a peculiar thing to lose. Of course, it was not strung out lengthwise, but, neatly rolled, it was at last found, compactly stowed away in the machine shop by those who thought they had more right to it than a mere Marine Sergeant.

Maj. Hoyt left Cuba with his command on January 12. They have done a splendid piece of hard work while in Guantanamo during their six months' duty. Browned by the sun and in excellent condition they made a fine showing as they marched through the post. Both officers and men were in perfect health, and some were sorry to return so soon. They have paid visits in Haiti, Havana and Santiago, and on one occasion had a five day liberty on the Island of Jamaica. One of the boys told me that the Jamaican trip was the best he had ever taken.

Dr. and Mrs. Clement, who were in Quantico, in which post the Doctor rendered such splendid service, are now in Cape Haitien. They boarded the *Henderson* bound for Port au Prince, orders were changed en route, and in a few hours they went ashore at the Cape with that wonderful spirit of the true men of the service which accepts at once their responsibility and without question or demur do their duty. The voyage of the *Henderson* was made exceedingly pleasant for the Marines by the receipt at Norfolk of a large number of magazines and reading matter, a supply of checkers and boards, together with plenty of paper, envelopes and post



In view of the contemplated cruise of the Battle Fleet into Australian waters next summer the Shellbacks of the Royal Domain of Neptunus Rex are constantly holding meetings to plan the ceremonies for the Reception of Neptune and the initiation of landlubbers. According to a report from *The Hoist* at San Diego, Calif., Neptune has been in that quarter looking over the prospective members into the Solemn Mysteries of the Ancient Order of the Deep. We quote the following from *The Hoist*:

"A story being passed around as mystifying as the strange tale of the Headless Horseman in Washington Irving's 'Legend of Sleepy Hollow,' about how Old King Neptune is supposed to have swam ashore in the heavy fog which was hovering over the harbor and the San Diego district that night. Many were given a thrill and some even a scare by Neptune's mysterious appearance at several places on the station.

"One unaccountable point in the story lies in the fact that he was alone. King Neptune has always been known to bring his whole court with him whenever he has made an appearance on board ship. But on this night he was not even accompanied by his Royal Navigator, who is his right hand man.

"The mystery has been cleared up though, and it has been disclosed that the unfamiliar character who made his appearance here was not the real King Neptune himself, but merely his impersonator, Chief Boatswain's Mate Wilson, who was having a little fun with the future 'Old Salts' here in the costume he wore in the Navy participation in the Adpageant at Balboa Park last Friday and Saturday nights."

Of course those who are intending to make the summer cruise need not feel free and easy, because Neptune is hard on landlubbers when they first enter the Royal Domain.

On February 9, 1925, the personnel of the U. S. Naval Training Station at Newport, R. I., celebrated the 126th anniversary of the victory of the U. S. S. *Constellation* against the French privateer *L'Insurgente*. A very interesting story of the past history of the *Constellation* was published at length in *The Newport Recruit*.

cards. These were sent by Mr. Frank Evans of the Navy Y. M. C. A., and they were much appreciated.

## ALL SECURE

By JOHN CULNAN,  
U. S. M. C., '20-'24

## HI WRIGHT PERRY

An Epic of the Fifth Marines

## CANTO VII

We had lived through Chateau-Thierry,  
And although our bones were weary  
We could still intone the cheery  
And the racy lines of "Parlez-Vous."

Disentaining at a station,  
We were given an ovation  
Followed by a wild oration  
By a pharisee we knew.

Hi was striving to be civil  
In the face of all this drivel,  
Fingering his stacking-swivel,  
But his lips were growing white.

Suddenly we heard his mellow  
Accents interrupt the yellow  
Declarations of the fellow,  
And he cried, to our delight—

"War is hell; hence we are devils,  
Bent upon unbounded revels,  
Heedless of all former levels—  
Shipmates to eternity;

"And the nations have a hand in  
Our incontinent abandon;  
Hence for any plight we land in  
We may waive apology!"

Nom de Dieu! But we were muddy,  
And the half of us were bloody,  
And our faces were a study  
As we breathed the peaceful air.

In a stream of cooling water  
We were purified of slaughter;  
And each pretty village daughter  
Wore a blossom in her hair.

What cared we if their camises,  
Full of rents and little creases,  
Were of vari-colored pieces—  
They surrounded loving hearts.

Now, at love-games none was fasted  
Than Hi Perry—he was master,  
And he reckoned it disaster  
If refusal quelled his arts.

## S. S. P. P.

At a special meeting of the Society for the Suppression of Profanity among Parrots, statistics were quoted establishing the fact that nine out of ten parrots imported from the tropics are strongly addicted to the use of profane, irreverent, blasphemous, and otherwise reprehensible language.

As a result of this disclosure, it was decided by the organization to send missionaries into the equatorial forests for the purpose of inculcating into fledgling parrots the desire for virtuous diction.

The move toward establishing a purity test for all immigrating parrots was halted, pending the results that are expected from the efforts of the missionaries.



By A. E. F.

### SPRING OFFENSIVE IS ON

#### Marine Corps Bi-Annual War is About To Begin

Ides of March will witness opening of war on all fronts, and from all dope available it will in sooth be Glorious War.

Plans are now being formulated for the Wahoo Expeditionary Force.

Forty thousand ghosts will operate in waters made famous by good ship *Tuscorora* in last century.

These forty thousand ghoulish troops will fire noiseless guns against invisible enemy. Question is what measures will be taken by hospital corps for burial of casualties. Man once dead is supposedly ghost from then on, but what is the status of a dead ghost?

Last year Spring War was fit in tropical waters, and enemy, represented by nothing but empty echo was about to pounce on important pile of rocks in Caribbean Sea when Marines jumped overboard from boats and as soon as they finished swimming out of six fathoms of sea had the situation well in hand after a few embarrassing moments.

#### H-20 No Longer Baffles Hdq.

Trouble was that coastline on map slipped a quarter inch, and when brave second looey jumped overboard in what should have been two feet of salt water and hollered bravely: "Foller me," only thing that could follow him was submarine, for he was completely submerged, with several feet of dampness left over for good measure.

That war was fit in complete darkness, not a Very pistol illuminated Tropical dark, and only way adjacent units could locate each other was by smell.

This war will be different. Every man will be signalman and the Wahoo expeditionary force will thunder into action to the flapping of two thousand signal flags and the blinking of hundred signal lanterns.

In coming offensive, man who can lay out panel on ground without making wrinkle will be more important than Marshal Foch. Individual who can shoot fifteen words per minute on cubist colored flag

will draw more water than man who can hit a flea's eyebrow at a thousand yards.

Yes, Rollo, this war will be most peculiar. But thing is, that when war is finished, and forty thousand ghosts come floating victoriously home with blood-stained sheets, and torn hoods, the ghosts higher up will have worked out most important problem, which is to effect that the wig-wag is mightier than Browning.

W. E. F. will embark on light cruiser *Henderson* at H hour and will cruise past Hatteras and way stations, turning corner and passing through Erie canal, thence turning other corner, and securing at Hollywood Post Office. Here we will be enforced by additional ghosts, and after enjoying medicinal zephyrs of land which made Valentino famous, we will turn nose of trusty ship toward West, and cruise off madly in all directions.

If Wahoos are met, they will be quickly overcome by advance echelon of Intelligence agents and radio operators, reinforced by support division of runners and motorcycle operators.

If Wahoos are not met, divisions of ghosts will sit down on such places as are not infested with friendly cactus, and figure out what we would do if they should meet us.

Enemy outposts will be simulated by lizards tied to Breadfruit trees with red string. Main body of enemy will be outlined in ground by battalion of tarantulas tamed by Intelligence officers. Situation being thus, what will we do?

Runners will start running, radio operators will start operating, motorcycles will start motoring, and all the R's will start buzzing with loud rushing sound.

Information having been thus disseminated, war is over, and we pick up our blue pencils and come home.

Medals of Honor will be awarded to those individuals who emerged from war with least expenditure of erasers.

First—I just passed by the ex-Kaiser's home and heard him singing.

Second—What was he singing?

"Ain't gonna reign no' mo'!"

*Texas Ranger.*

"I see you have a new car—ever been pinched?"

"No, but I've gotten a couple of slaps!"

#### ATHLETIC SEA-GOING MARINES

The Marines of the Battle Fleet on the West Coast have been taking no small part in ship's athletics of late and it is with particular interest that we quote from some of the ship's papers relative to the Marine Whaleboat Race held on January 17, and won by the *Pennsy* Marines.

The Whaleboat Crew is out every morning and evening; to the stellar showing they are making we are looking forward to the 17th when they will bring home the Bacon—*Oklahoma Sea Bag*.

This Saturday, January 17th, the Marine Whaleboat Crew is scheduled to row in the Fleet Race for Class "C" whaleboat crews. The course will be a mile and a half along battleship row. The Marines have been working to give a good account of themselves.—*The Keystone, U. S. S. Pennsylvania*.

In the Whaleboat Race last Saturday for the Marines' Challenge Cup the *California*'s boat finished once more just outside the money. The *Pennsylvania* boat won by a scant two feet or so over the *Arizona*, followed by a closely bunched group of three in the following order: *Mississippi*, *Oklahoma*, *California*. It was a fast race, however, and all honor to our Marines for making the winners step all the way.—*California Cub*.

**PARRIS ISLAND ATHLETICS**

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develop and maintain the All-Marine Teams at Quantico, but it appears that when it simmers down to a matter between the two posts individually, friendship ceases, athletically speaking.

The basketball season is in full swing down there, and under the capable coaching of Lieut. M. L. Shively, they are progressing at a clip their opponents have found very uncomfortable. Of the first eleven games played, they have come out victors in eight. They feel considerable pride and it is justifiable, in the fact that one of their victories was over the fast Army quintet from Camp Benning, composed of such stars as Smythe, McQuarrie, and DeGassie. The team left Friday, February 13, for a two-weeks tour of the Southern States, during which they have games scheduled with Fort Moultrie, Charleston Marines, the Y. M. C. A. and Fort McPherson at Atlanta, Fort Benning at Columbus, and the Savannah Athletic Club at Savannah.

The baseball situation at the Island looks very favorable for the coming season. A good stock of material is being held in leash waiting the opening of the season. Extensive improvements are being made on the diamond and grandstand. The new field when completed will compare favorably with the best in the service. A tentative schedule is being prepared and everything will be set to start the season with a bang.

The entire Island is all aglow with the effect of the rumor that the services of Lieut. McHenry, star guard on the All-Marine Team for the past four years, has been secured in a coaching capacity for the coming season. If this rumor is substantiated, we have every reason to believe that big things in the way of football will be forthcoming. A promising galaxy of material is being recruited, and it will be ready to turn on the field and romp through their schedule in All-American style. Special attention is being focused on the game with Camp Benning on Armistice Day, to be played at Parris Island.

The baseball season at Parris Island will soon be starting and work will soon commence on regrading the old baseball field and filling in the infield with dirt which will make the field a faster playing one. A new backstop will be built and alterations and repairs to the grandstand will also be made. The baseball field in every respect will measure up to any playing field in the South. An at-

tractive schedule will be played and announcements made later.

The football schedule for the coming season has been drawn up and the crowning game will be played with the Camp Benning team at Parris Island on Armistice Day.

The standing of the Parris Island Basketball League is as follows:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Training Camp.....	4	0	1000
Service Company.....	4	0	1000
Headquarters Detach.	3	1	.750
Rifle Range.....	2	2	.500
F. M. D.....	2	3	.400
Rec. Bks.....	1	5	.166
Naval Hospital.....	0	3	.000

**YES, WE HAVE SOME BANANAS**

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An incident, worthy of comment, in connection with this battalion, is that concerning deposits and allotments. As previously stated, the battalion strength is 327 men, and when one considers that 80 or 90 per cent of these men have never been in Cuba, or possibly any other tropical isle, that each and everyone of them as Americans, are possessed of that well-known characteristic—"of wanting to see everything there is to see, when it is to be seen and can be seen," and naturally liberty trips to Santiago de Cuba, Guantanamo City, hold a lure for them, not to mention that well-known little town nearby called Caimenera. When you think of the dozen and one things that beckon to a new arrival's bankroll in the tropics, well, the following figures speak worlds for the good intentions and common sense of the members of the First Battalion, Sixth Regiment:

	Deposits	ments	Allot-
Headquarters Company...	\$360	\$1,035	
74th Company.....	272	268	
75th Company.....	416	180	
76th Company.....	168	553	

Totals ..... 1,216 2,036

Though the battalion roster carries many new names, it also carries many old and familiar ones, such as Sgt. Maj. Clarence B. Proctor, First Sgts. Kenney, Wooten, Noble and McKinney, Gy. Sgts. Hickey, Callahan, Welby, Nelson, Hanson, Gustafson and Kennedy. Also Sgts. E. Pat Walsh, Pop Grant, Jim Hill, Crowe, Jake Stahl, Van Horn and a host of others.

Liberty is enjoyed every evening from 6 p. m. to 10 p. m.; needless to say, Caimenera some nights catches the very dicken.

Adios! We'll broadcast again sometime.

**LA TROPICAL SEA DUST.****MARE ISLAND HAS NOVEL PLAN OF INSTRUCTING NEWCOMERS**

The Commanding Officer at the Marine Barracks, Navy Yard, Mare Island, Calif., has devised a little pamphlet entitled "For Information of New Arrivals at Marine Barracks, Mare Island." It is quoted here for the edification of those interested in improving the morale of themselves and others:

We want to make your stay here pleasant. Our rules are few and simple. Learn to carry them out and you'll en-

joy yourself. You must remember at all times that YOU ARE A MARINE, and that a real MARINE

Stands and walks erectly and smartly. Keeps his hair cut reasonably short, and like a MAN, not a "nut"; (this is not a movie studio nor a side show).

Keeps his uniform spotless, pressed, and buttoned up.

Keeps his bunk, locker and quarters "Inspection Clean."

Keeps his hands out of his pockets. Knows his station at Fire or Call to Arms and gets there on the run. Keeps his health record clear by proper precaution, and athletics.

Salutes all officers whether in uniform or not.

Remembers the reputation of the Marine Corps when on liberty, changing into civilian clothing if wanting to "Sky-lark."

Knows how to be firm without being cheap, noisy, or "Hard-boiled" when on duty, yet carrying out his orders without fear or favor, calling the Corporal of the Guard in case of doubt.

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## FOR THE LOVE OF MOLLY

By HASH MARK

Say, old-timer, did you ever knock off using tobacco and swear you was off it for life?

Did you ever take what you thought was your last drag out of the old carbon-caked pipe, and heave said pipe into the nearest ash can?

Did you ever bite the end off a clear Havanna, and say: "Here goes the last one?"

If you ever did, you know what it is to go through an agony of soul that's worse than watching a guy lay down four aces on top of your four kings.

Yes, sir; I admire a man who's got the nerve to cut out smokin', and stick to it. But, oh boy, when you walk through the barracks and every guy is blowin' tobacco rings in your face, when you amble through the Post Exchange and watch those cigars just coaxin' you to smoke 'em, when you see the sign on the highway that states "I'd walk a mile for a Camel" and right at that moment you'd be willing to run ten miles for one—you certainly will have the tobacco heebie-jeebees, and have 'em right.

That's why I always give the merry ha ha to these birds who pull the no-smokin' resolution each New Year's. I know as well as they do that the most of them resolutions is goin' to be A. W. O. L. before the year gets a fair start.

But I'm wandering away from the subject. What I started to tell you was about the one and only time I gave up smokin'. It was all on account of a sheba that did one of them war-time hitches in the Marine Corps.

This Jane's name was Molly, and me and her was fairly good pals when we was both on recruitin' duty in New York in 1918.

It happened in December. The war had been fairly well settled to the Kaiser's satisfaction, and I had come home a few months before, feelin' pretty bad from a touch of gas I got up in the Verdun Sector. They put me on recruitin' duty and I met Molly, one of them Marinettes, who was took in the Corps to rap on a Underwood and make the world safe for democracy.

Molly was a kidder, all right. When I blew into the office on Twenty-third Street the greetin' she give me would have made you thought I was one of them high-up babbies like Marshal Foch, instead of a poor buck who was dopin' off when the gas alarm sounded.

Molly was a would-be hero worshipper, and she picked on me. Outside of that, she kept groanin' about her unhappy lot as a Marinette, and sayin' there was nothin' excitin' about fillin' out requisitions for Devil Dog posters when she might have made a big name for herself overseas.

"Molly," says I, "what do you say to a little jaunt around this burg in the side-car of the motorcycle?"

"You're on," says she, "provided you can work up a little more speed than the slackers who's been givin' me the air on Fifth Avenue in a Rolls-Royce."

"I ain't goin' to do no braggin' about the way I run a motorcycle, but I sure had some practice dodgin' shell holes and the like on the other side. After I'd whirled that dame over a few of the rough spots where they was makin'



modern improvements on Broadway, she was on the verge of nervous prostration.

"Jim," she says, "you got courage. And here's me, a poor frail woman, who ain't fit to face the battles of this world."

Well, old-timer, you know the old sympathy stuff. As the old sayin' has it, the ways of a woman is past understandin'. To make a long story short, I asked Molly to sign up for an indefinite hitch in the bonds of matrimony.

Molly was willin' to sign the treaty with reservations. "Jim," she says, "you got to mend your ways. You been doin' too much drinkin', smokin' and the like for your own good. If you'll make me a promise never to smoke or touch a drop of liquor from now on, I'm yours."

"Molly," I asserts, "if that's all that's troublein' you, I hereby make a solemn promise that I'll never swallow another hooker of hootch or sneak a drag out of a Camel for the rest of my natural life, so help me William J. Bryan!"

Things went along lovely for awhile until one night about three days later I was takin' Molly home from a dance. I noticed that there was a good-lookin' gob who was popular with Molly, but I wasn't goin' to let a little thing like that get my goat.

Bein' engaged and everything, it had been my custom to kiss her good-bye at parting. This particular night when I was givin' her one of them fade-out farewells you see in the movies, I smelted tobacco smoke.

"Molly," says I, very seriously, "since when did you take to smokin'?"

"Why, the very idea!" she exclaimed. "You're no gentleman to even suggest such a thing!"

"Maybe I ain't no gentleman," says I, "but it's a cinch that either you or your seafaring friend is a smoker."

That settled my engagement to Molly. All bets were off. Half an hour later I blew into my commutation quarters, busted out a clear Havanna, and inhaled about three days' supply of nicotine.

Boy, I guess I must have smoked about six before I got that "welcome home" feelin' again. I got to thinkin' of them words of Kipling's than which there was no truer words ever wrote:

"A woman is only a woman—but a good cigar is a smoke."

A few days later Molly breezed out of the Corps the same way she breezed in, and it wasn't long after that when I read in THE LEATHERNECK that she'd married a guy who was a fireman, third class, in the Navy.

Well, old-timer, that's the reason when it comes to knockin' off smokin' I'm willin' to let George do it. I went up the pole on that Jane's account, and I'm stayin' up the said pole for my own satisfaction.

But, as for smokin', believe me I'm goin' to keep right on hittin' the old tobacco on all six cylinders. In the words of Mr. Edgar Allen Poe's well-known raven, I'm going to cut out smokin' "nevermore."

Yep, them's my sentiments. And say—I'm not hintin' or anything—but if you happen to have a Camel or a Lucky Strike on you that ain't workin', how's chances to bust it out?

Charlie Pratash, the Marine Corps fighting Leatherneck, is steadily climbing in heavyweight ranks. He has been matched to meet Jack Renault, one of Dempsey's leading contenders in a southern ring on the twentieth of February. If Pratash succeeds in toppling the great Renault it will mean that he is in line to meet Jack Dempsey for the world's heavyweight title.

Fighting in the semi-windup will be Battling McCune, another Marine Corps heavyweight who is gaining prominence through the South by his sensational fighting.

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Taxicab Driver (2 a. m.)—Does Mr. Nipp live here?

Mrs. Nipp (from window) — Yes! Just leave him on the porch!

Beatrice Lillie and Fred Leslie in "Charlot's Revue":

Customer—There's a fly in my coffee.

Waitress—Well, don't get excited, it won't drink much!

#### AN ACCEPTED OPPORTUNITY

Mr.—I'll have you know I'm not a fool yet, madam.

Mrs.—Well, you're pretty near one.

"So I am, madam. I'll just walk to one side a bit."

True Christian faith—Leaving an umbrella in a church vestibule.

"Do you believe in dreams?"

"Sure; las' night I dreamt I wuz eatin' flannel cakes an' when I woke up this mornin', the blanket wuz gone!"

"Wonder why she married him—he's so appallingly thin."

"He looked to her like the last straw, I suppose."

#### PARADOXIC

Mrs. Chalmers—You don't seem to enjoy going out with Mr. Haverford! Isn't he a careful driver?

Alice Chalmers—Oh, yes, he's a good enough driver; but he's forever running down my other friends!

#### GOOD REASON

Clara—What is your objection to kissing a man with a beard?

Bella—Simply because I'm dead against entangling alliances.

He looks like a musical sort of a fish. Yes, he's a piano tuna.

A pessimist is a man who hearing the knock of opportunity at the door, slips the bolt, thinking it's the wolf.

—*Fort Wayne News*.

Small Boy (to stranger)—Did you lose a dollar this morning?

Stranger—Why, yes, I believe I have. Have you found one?

"No; I just wanted to find out how many have been lost this morning. Yours makes ninety-six."

—*Wash. Cougar's Paw*.

Teacher—Johnny, what are the two genders?

Johnny—Masculine and feminine. The masculine is divided into temperate and intemperate, and the feminine into frigid and torrid.—*Answers (London)*.

Prof. at Emerson—Mr. Darr, tell me what you know about the manners and customs of the Hindus.

Darr—They ain't got no manners and they don't wear no customs.

"Mabel, you grow more beautiful every day."

"Oh, Jack, you do exaggerate."

"Well, then, every other day."

—*Columbia Jester*.

#### TIRES AND CUSTOMS CHANGE BUT—

Judge—Uncle Rastus, you are charged with an attempt to break into Col. Cabel's chicken coop.

Rastus—No, sah, jedge, dat ain't no chicken coop no moah. Dat's de Colonel's distillery now, sah.

#### GIMIK AND GADGET



The British Admiralty has ruled that all sailors must learn how to swim. There is evidently a feeling that the next disarmament conference may go the limit.—*Life*.

Modern Girl (telephoning home at 3 A. M.)—Don't worry about me, Mother, I'm all right. I'm in jail.

—*Harvard Lampoon*.

#### DATING UP

Owens—Suppose you call the first of the month.

Collector—I can't. I expect to be out of town the first of the month.

Owens—So do I.

Husband (returning from angling trip)—What do you think of these beauties?

Wife—Don't try to deceive me. Mrs. Naylor saw you in the fish shop.

"Of course she did. Why, I caught so many I simply had to try to sell some."—*Tit Bits (London)*.

There are two million laws in force in the United States, says a writer. And then there is Prohibition as well.

—*Passing Show (London)*.

#### OVERHEARD AT A RECEPTION

"I think Helen is going to announce her engagement to Jack tonight."

"Did she tell you she was?"

"No; but see how uncomfortable Jack looks."

The Sheik—Through the Sahara's worst sandstorm I have come to thee, Nellie.

The Sheikess—Aye, Rodolph, surely thou must be a man of grit!

—*Washington Columns*.



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### EX-MARINE WRITES IN PRAISE OF M. C. I.

The following letter was received by the Superintendent of the Business Schools at the Marine Corps Institute from Charles W. Holtzman, a former Marine and student in the Marine Corps Institute:

"Referring to your letter I. D. of March 27, 1923, addressed to me while I was attached to the Sixth Company, Tenth Regiment, Quantico, Va.

I am glad to give you a brief resume of my experience since my discharge, to prove that the commercial course I completed has been of good use to me.

In the first place, any Marine who completes the commercial course with the idea of utilizing the benefits therefrom has made a *start on the road to success*.

As I received two increases in salary during 1924 and am getting another one this month (three in twelve months) I feel my above statement is a fact, not a fallacy. And to strengthen that statement the future looks optimistic for me, to say the least.

I have been with the Tide Water Oil Company since my discharge in 1923.

The complete commercial course enabled me to get a position in their accounting department, where I now supervise their accounts receivable and handle other accounting procedures.

Had I not possessed the training of this course I doubt whether they would have accepted my services. Now that I have had business experience, I find that my commercial course is not sufficient for accounting principles, so I am now undergoing a course in higher accountancy.

You can see that my course has given me an advantage, since I knew nothing of bookkeeping before starting the course; in fact, I had only a seventh grade education.

I can always look to the Institute as my real starting point and I believe there are many other Marines and ex-Marines who share my opinion.

Good luck to your efforts, and my best wishes for your success in educating men of the Marine Corps!

Very truly yours,  
CHARLES W. HOLTZMAN.

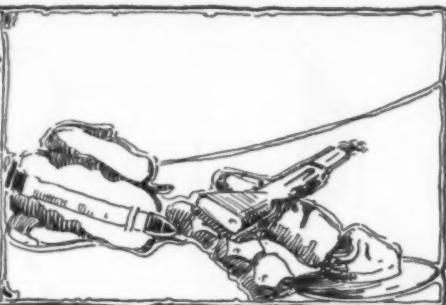
### TEXTILES AND NAVIGATION

A few of the courses given by the Marine Corps Institute with which but a few of the men in the Corps are familiar are those offered in the Construction School. Among these courses are Navigation, Civil Engineering, and the manufacture of Textiles.

## WEEKLY REPORT Marine Corps Institute

February 14, 1925

Total number individuals enrolled.....	8,018
Total number individuals enrolled since last report.....	156
Total number individuals disenrolled since last report.....	177
Number of examination papers received during week.....	1,498
Number of examination papers received during the year.....	9,793
Total number of graduates to date.....	1,774



ing to the fore very rapidly. This is due in part to the constant demand for manning the ships of the Shipping Board. It is known, however, that navigation cannot be learned from a book and that it requires practical knowledge. But in addition to practical knowledge of the situation, theoretical knowledge is essential.

### WHO DOUBTS IT?

#### You Must Go It Alone

Young men who think a college education and "father's influence" are all that is needed to step right out into a big-paying job at the start of their careers might well ponder the words of a few old wise heads.

Charles H. Sabin, head of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, who started his career in a clerkship, says: "Pull and influence will not make a genuine success out of any man. He must fight his own way."

Victor A. Cutter, who started as a timekeeper and recently was elevated to the presidency of the United Fruit Company, says: "The principal rule a young man should follow in starting out in business is that nothing is accomplished without hard work. The employer may not be particularly fond of you, but he wants the work done, and well done, and he will recognize hard work."

Otto H. Kahn, international financier, who began life at the very bottom of the ladder, says there is plenty of opportunity in America to go around. "This is still the country of unlimited possibilities," he says. "Most of our rich men and practically all of our successful men today started away down in the ranks of our great corporate concerns." —Washington Star, January 4, 1925.

There is no better school in the world for learning the theoretical knowledge of Navigation than in the Marine Corps Institute. After completing the course in Navigation through the Marine Corps Institute a man has a much better chance for advancement aboard a ship than someone who knows nothing, or one who is depending on his practical knowledge of Navigation for a means of advancement.

Civil Engineering also requires practical appliance for advancement and

theoretical knowledge must be included. One may never study Civil Engineering and depend altogether on practical knowledge with the result that he never gets beyond the position of rod man or chain man on an Engineering project. Therefore it is necessary that anyone interested in Civil Engineering take up the course offered by the Marine Corps Institute.

Textile Manufacture is a business which is constantly growing in the business world and skilled technicians in the handling of textiles and raw materials are in constant demand. In the United States alone there is more cotton and mixed goods manufactured than all of the other countries of the world put together. Silk and wool are also manufactured to a great extent, so that it is evident that a complete course in textile manufacturing will be beneficial to anyone.

### M. C. I. GRADUATES

Corporal John R. Fertal—Complete Gas Engines.

Private (first class) Lemuel R. Martin—Complete Gas Engines.

Corporal Miles H. Hamilton—Chemistry.

Corporal Lester R. Whitmyre—Electrical Engineering.

Private Howard E. Redding—Complete Commercial.

Sergeant William B. Yuhase—Concrete Engineering.

Private John A. Romches—Ocean Navigation.

Private Frank Johann—Draftsmen's.

Corporal Floyd M. Dulaney—Electrical Engineering.

Gunnery Sergeant C. E. Whitney—Business Management.

Sergeant Robert C. Camlin—Complete Architectural.

Corporal Harry J. Blair—Electrical Engineering.

Sergeant Landreville Ledoux—Certified Public Accountant's.

Private (first class) Walter Grossnclaus—Traffic Management.

Pharmacist (first class) Harold V. Wolf—Ocean Navigation.

Private Lambert H. Hurgins—Certified Public Accountant's.

Private Herman W. Brooks—Traffic Management.

Private (first class) Willem P. Janson—Ocean Navigation.

Corporal Gordon H. McNab—Traffic Management.

Sergeant Arthur Arcione—Certified Public Accountant's.

Corporal Mikkel Mikkelsen—Ocean Navigation.

Quartermaster Sergeant Edward A. Loben—Certified Public Accountant's.

## What Will You Be Doing One Year From Today?

Three hundred and sixty-five days from now—what?

Will you still be struggling along in the same old job at the same old salary—worried about the future—never quite able to make both ends meet—standing still while other men go ahead?

One year from today will you still be putting off your start toward success—thrilled with ambition one moment and cold the next—delaying, waiting, wasting the precious hours that will never come again?

Don't do it, man—don't do it.

There is no greater tragedy in the world than that of a man who stays in a rut all his life, when, with just a little effort, he could put success within his grasp.

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sult of spare-time study with the International Correspondence Schools. They looked ahead. They saw the need for trained men in every line of business and industry. They grasped quickly the opportunity to secure the necessary training right at home in their spare time. *And they won!*

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Capt. L. B. Reagan.  
First Lieut. F. S. Chappelle.

Officers last to make number in  
the grades indicated:

Col. H. R. Lay.  
Lieut. Col. R. B. Creecy.  
Maj. W. C. MacCrone.  
Maj. J. D. Colomy.  
First Lieut. Wm. E. Maxwell.

**RECENT ORDERS****February 10, 1925**

No orders were announced.

**February 11, 1925**

First Lieut. H. N. Potter assigned to  
duty at the M. C. B., N. O. B., San Diego,  
Calif., upon reporting to the Commanding  
General, Department of the Pacific.

Second Lieut. T. B. White assigned to  
duty at the M. C. B., N. O. B., San Diego,  
Calif., upon reporting to the Commanding  
General, Department of the Pacific.

Second Lieut. C. J. Chappell assigned to  
duty at the M. C. B., N. O. B., San Diego,  
Calif., upon reporting to the Commanding  
General, Department of the Pacific.

Second Lieut. S. K. Bird assigned to  
duty at the M. C. B., N. O. B., San Diego,  
Calif., upon reporting to the Commanding  
General, Department of the Pacific.

**February 12, 1925**

The following named noncommissioned  
officers to be Second Lieutenants in the  
Marine Corps for a probationary period  
of two years from the 9th day of Febru-  
ary, 1925:

Cpl. Milo R. Carroll.  
Cpl. Floyd A. Stephenson.  
Cpl. Homer L. Litzenberg, Jr.  
Cpl. Wilbert S. Brown.  
Sgt. Samuel S. Ballantine.  
Gy. Sgt. Theodore B. Millard.  
Cpl. David K. Claude.  
Cpl. Albert L. Gardner.  
Cpl. James P. S. Devereaux.  
Cpl. Robert C. Orrison.

**February 13, 1925**

Capt. Francis S. Kieren detached Ex-  
peditionary duty Tientsin, China, to M.  
D., U. S. S. *Asheville*.

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Capt. James P. Schwerin detached Ex-  
peditionary duty Shanghai, China, to M.  
B., N. S., Cavite, P. I.

First Lieut. Frank W. Hanlon de-  
tached Expeditionary duty Shanghai,  
China, to M. B., N. S., Cavite, P. I.

Second Lieut. Arthur J. Burks, de-  
tached M. C. B., N. O. B., San Diego,  
Calif., to M. D., Receiving Ship, De-  
stroyer Base, San Diego, Calif.

**February 14, 1925**

No orders were announced.

**February 16, 1925**

No orders were announced.

**NONCOMS COMMISSIONED**

About a year ago forty-five non-com-  
missioned officers of the Marine Corps  
were recommended by their command-  
ing officers for appointment to commis-  
sioned rank. These men were given a  
preliminary examination by a central  
examining board and the top twenty-one  
were selected for the last class of can-  
didates for commission.

These men, gathered from Guam, both  
the Atlantic and the Pacific fleets, Haiti,  
Central America, and various posts  
within the continental limits of the  
United States, were assembled here at  
Washington for a six month strenuous  
review, and in January appeared before  
a Marine examining board to determine  
their fitness for commissioned rank.

Ten were successful in meeting all re-  
quirements. These ten men are: Cpl.  
Milo R. Carroll, Cpl. Floyd A. Stephen-  
son, Cpl. Homer L. Litzenberg, Cpl. Wil-  
burt S. Brown, Sgt. Samuel S. Ballen-  
tine, Gy. Sgt. Theodore Millard, Cpl.  
David K. Claude, Cpl. Albert L. Gardner,  
Cpl. James P. S. Devereaux, Cpl. Robert  
C. Orrison, and have been appointed  
Second Lieutenant to rank from Febru-  
ary 9, 1925.

In accordance with the custom started  
last year they will be ordered to Marine  
Barracks, Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va., for  
six months' duty before attending the  
Basic School at the Marine Barracks,  
Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa. THE  
LEATHERNECK wishes to congratulate  
them and feels sure that they will dis-  
charge all of their new obligations with  
credit to both themselves and the Corps.

**REENLISTMENTS**

Jeavons, William, Quantico, 1-27-25,  
for M. B., Quantico, Va.

Lannon, James H., Philadelphia, Pa.,  
1-28-25, for M. B., Philadelphia.

Bowman, Le Roy, Newark, N. J., 1-23-  
25, for M. B., Parris Island, S. C.

Schumm, Franz X., Washington, D. C.,  
1-22-25, for U. S. Marine Band, Wash-  
ington, D. C.

Kirby, Major H., Fort Worth, Tex.,  
1-21-25, for M. B., San Diego, Calif.

Gilbert, Chester A., Salt Lake City,  
1-16-25, for M. B., Mare Island.

James, Nick, Spokane, Wash., 1-13-25,  
for Rectg., Spokane, Wash.

Bailey, Henry M., Charleston, S. C.,  
1-14-25, for M. B., Charleston, S. C.

O'Connell, Geo. W., Quantico, 1-18-25,  
for M. B., Quantico, Va.

Ratliff, Arson B., Charleston, 1-21-25,  
for M. B., Parris Island, S. C.

Charles, John L., Washington, D. C.,  
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Rigler, A. W., Newark, 1-23-25, for  
Navy Building Guard, Washington.

Szigethy, A. P., New York, 1-23-25,  
for West Coast.

Belote, Anthony, Kansas City, 1-21-25,  
for Mare Island.

Lewless, Alfred, Detroit, 1-23-25, for  
Virgin Islands.

Wishart, J. C., Kansas City, 1-23-25,  
for M. B., San Diego, Calif.

Burgett, Clarence P., Detroit, 1-23-25,  
for M. B., Parris Island.

Lucke, Harry T., Kansas City, 1-23-25,  
for M. B., San Diego, Calif.

Bragg, William M., San Francisco,  
1-19-25, for San Diego.

Camou, Angel, Los Angeles, 1-19-25,  
for San Diego.

Homer, James M., at San Francisco,  
1-19-25, for Puget Sound.

Melcher, Elmer, Philadelphia, 1-24-25,  
for West Coast.

Bellora, John D., Quantico, 1-26-25,  
for Quantico.

Casper, Earl, Quantico, 1-24-25, for  
Quantico.

Davenport, Virl, Dayton, 1-24-25, for  
M. F. F., Quantico.

Ervin, Harry A., San Francisco, 1-20-  
25, for Rectg., San Francisco.

Little, Oscar J., San Francisco, 1-22-25,  
for C. G. O., San Francisco.

Porfert, Fred P., Spokane, 1-20-25, for  
Rectg., Spokane.

Roberts, Roy C., San Francisco, 1-20-  
25, for Mare Island.

**LOCATION AND PROSPECTIVE  
MOVEMENTS OF N. T. S.****VESSELS****Beaufort**

Arrived St. Thomas February 7. Due  
to return Hampton Roads about March  
13.

**Chaumont**

Arrived Mare Island January 6 for  
overhaul. Will sail from San Francisco  
March 3 on the following itinerary: Ar-  
rive Honolulu March 9, sail from Honolu-  
lu March 11; arrive Guam March 22,  
sail from Guam March 25; arrive Manila  
March 30, sail from Manila April 6; ar-  
rive Shanghai April 10, sail from Shang-  
hai April 14; arrive Honolulu April 26,  
sail from Honolulu April 28; arrive San  
Francisco May 4.

**Henderson**

Sailed from Hampton Roads January  
29; arrived Philadelphia January 30 for  
overhaul period. Upon completion of  
overhaul about March 10, will proceed to  
Quantico, then proceed on the follow-  
ing schedule: Sail from Quantico March  
13, arrive Hampton Roads March 14;  
sail from Hampton Roads March 14, ar-  
rive Canal Zone March 21; sail from  
Canal Zone March 23, arrive San Diego  
April 2; sail from San Diego April 10,  
arrive San Francisco April 12; sail San  
Francisco April 15; sail from Honolulu

April 30, arrive San Diego May 8; sail from San Diego May 8, arrive Canal Zone May 18; sail from Canal Zone May 19, arrive Quantico May 27. From Quantico will proceed to Hampton Roads for fuel, then to Annapolis to embark passengers.

#### Kittery

At Hampton Roads. Will sail from Hampton Roads February 11 for the West Indies.

#### Nitro

Arrived Mare Island February 9. Will sail from Mare Island February 17 for the East Coast on the following itinerary: Arrive San Pedro February 18, sail from San Pedro February 20; arrive San Diego February 21, sail from San Diego February 25; arrive Canal Zone March 6, sail from Canal Zone March 10; arrive Guantanamo March 13, sail from Guantanamo March 16; arrive Hampton Roads March 21, sail from Hampton Roads March 26 for Iona Island. Will then proceed to Navy Yard, Philadelphia, for overhaul. Arrive Philadelphia about April 3.

#### Orion

At Navy Yard, Norfolk, for overhaul.

#### Rainbow

Sailed from San Diego February 2 for the East Coast on the following itinerary: Due to arrive Corinto February 13, sail from Corinto February 14; arrive Balboa February 18, leave Balboa February 23; arrive Colon February 23, leave Colon February 23; arrive Hampton Roads March 3, leave Hampton Roads March 8; arrive Philadelphia March 9.

#### Ramapo

Sailed from San Francisco February 6 for Bremerton. Will sail from Bremerton February 13 for Mare Island for overhaul period.

#### Sapelo

Arrived Navy Yard, Norfolk, January 25 for overhaul. Will sail from Hampton Roads February 11 for Canal Zone. Will load cargo fuel oil at Canal Zone between February 18 and 25. Will leave Balboa February 25.

#### Sirius

At Navy Yard, Norfolk, for overhaul period. Will sail from Hampton Roads March 4 for Philadelphia and New York, sailing from New York March 16 for West Coast.

#### Vega

At Puget Sound. Will sail February 16 for East Coast.

#### DOPE SHEET

First Sgt. William V. Copeland, Marine Barracks, Navy Yard, Mare Island, Calif., was on February 14, 1925, placed upon the retired list of enlisted men of the United States Marine Corps. The record of Sgt. Copeland shows that on the date of his retirement he will have completed thirty-one years, three months and seventeen days in the U. S. Army and Marine Corps.

THE LEATHERNECK extends to him the sincere wish that he may have every happiness in his well earned retirement from active service.

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**ARMY, NAVY AND MARINE CLUB***(Continued from page 6)*

idea of this plan is to place the athletic skill of the Marine Corps before the public.

Sergeant Major Jiggs who occupied a place in the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show at Madison Square Garden, was awarded the prize for being the most photographed and well known dog in the Marine Corps.

There is a doubt in some quarters of the Marine Corps as to the exact Marine Corps Colors. They are the same colors and shades as appear on the Marine Corps Expeditionary Ribbon. The Major General Commandant is desirous of impressing upon the officers and enlisted men the propriety of using these colors only when it is intended to be displayed.

A representative of A. G. Spaulding & Bros., Washington, D. C., presented the All-Marine Football Team with a handsome and distinctive trophy for having the champion service football team in 1924. This trophy is made of silver and represents a football resting on a tee.

On and after March 1, 1925, all enlistments and reenlistments in the Marine Corps will be for a period of four years. Commanding officers of posts and recruiting officers will be authorized to grant furloughs to men upon reenlisting, for periods not to exceed three months less the time elapsed between the date of the last discharge and the date of reenlistment, except that in the cases of men reenlisting from the Army and Navy the furloughs will not exceed one month. Recruiting officers may grant such furloughs effective after the men join the posts to which transferred upon reenlistment. The authority to grant such furloughs extends to commanding officers of posts on one coast, to which men have been transferred immediately after reenlistment on the opposite coast. If a man so desires, his furlough may be made effective after receiving his enlistment allowance money at the post to which transferred.

The enlisted men's personnel at Headquarters are holding their second dance of this winter's series on February 21, 1925, at Marine Barracks, Washington, D. C. Enlisted men of neighboring posts are cordially invited to attend these social functions and the committees will see that all men and their lady friends are shown a good time. The committee announces that these dances are invitation affairs and no admission fee is charged to members of the Corps.

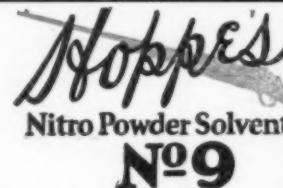
Q. M. Sgt. George H. Corcoran, who reenlisted November 16, 1924, will be transferred to the Marine Barracks, American Legation, Peking, China, as the relief of Q. M. Sgt. Carl M. McPherson at that post. Sgt. Corcoran will depart from San Francisco, Calif., March 24, 1925, via the U. S. Army transport.

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